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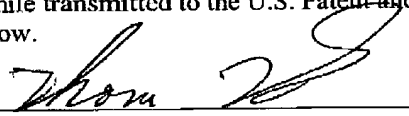
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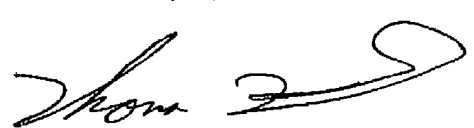
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(complete (a) or (b), as applicable)

- (a) _____ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136
(Fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

Extension for response within:	Other than small entity Fee	Small entity Fee (if applicable)
_____ First month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
_____ Second month	\$ 420.00	\$ 210.00
_____ Third month	\$ 950.00	\$ 475.00
_____ Fourth month	\$1,480.00	\$ 740.00
_____ Fifth month	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

Fee: \$ _____

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(Check and complete the next item, if applicable)

_____ An extension of _____ months has already been secured. The fee paid therefor \$ _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

Extension fee due with this request \$ _____

OR

- (b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

FEE FOR CLAIMS

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

(Col. 1)		(Col. 2)		(Col. 3)	SMALL ENTITY	OR	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	ADDITIONAL RATE FEE		ADDITIONAL RATE FEE
TOTAL INDEP.		MINUS		=	x \$9 = \$		x \$18 = \$
		MINUS		=	x \$43 = \$		x \$86 = \$
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM					+ \$145 = \$		+ \$290 = \$
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- (a) X No additional fee for claims is required.

OR

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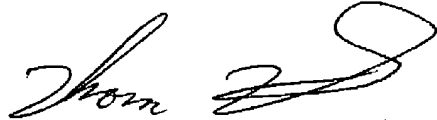
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In response to the Office Action dated July 8, 2004, and made final, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows: